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HEADLINES OFFER BEST SYNOPSIS OF LEADS -- NYTIMES, CHITRIB,

LATIMES: COOPERATION; BALTSUN: FEAR OF U.S. DOMINATION;

WASHPOST: CUBA; WASHSTAR: NEW U.S. ROLE

(1) NYTIMES (DE ONIS; PAGE 1) -- "LATIN AMERICA IS OFFERED
U.S. PLAN ON COOPERATION."

"SECRETARY KISSINGER OFFERED LATIN AMERICA A SIX-POINT PLAN
OF COOPERATION . . AND CALLED ON THE COUNTRIES TO 'GET DOWN
TO SERIOUS BUSINESS' IN DISCUSSING IT.

"MR. KISSINGER OFFERED PLEDGES . . IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

-- TO MORE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES HE PROMISED U.S.

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SUPPORT FOR 'THEIR DRIVE TO PARTICIPATE . . ON A MORE EQUAL
FOOTING . . .

"-- PLEDGED HELP IN STABILIZATION OF COMMODITY PRICES . . .

"-- MR. KISSINGER SAID THE U.S. WELCOMED AND WOULD CO-OPERATE WITH THE NEW LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIC SYSTEM . . BUT HOPED ORGANIZATION WOULD NOT BE USED 'FOR CONFRONTATION' . . .

"-- KISSINGER PROMISED THE U.S. WOULD NEGOTIATE 'ON THE BASIS OF PARITY AND DIGNITY' ON SPECIFIC DIFFERENCES WITH EACH COUNTRY, INCLUDING PANAMA . . .

"-- FOR POOREST COUNTRIES, KISSINGER PROMISED THE CONTINUANCE OF U.S. AID . . .

"-- SECRETARY ASSERTED U.S. COMMITMENT OF MUTUAL SECURITY . . THROUGH THE RIO TREATY . . .

". . . KISSINGER SAID THE U.S. CONTINUED TO HAVE A 'SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP' WITH LATIN AMERICA, BUT NOT ONE THAT IMPLIED A DESIRE TO DOMINATE. . . HE SUGGESTED AREAS OUTLINED BE DISCUSSED IN CHILE IN JUNE.

". . . THE SECRETARY BEGAN THIS TRIP, . . AFTER A BREAK-DOWN IN U.S.-LATIN RELATIONS A YEAR AGO, . . AFTER CONGRESS HAD EXCLUDED VENEZUELA AND ECUADOR . . FROM TARIFF RELIEF. . .

"THIS INTERRUPTED THE 'NEW DIALOGUE,' (WHICH) KISSINGER ACKNOWLEDGED . . HAD BECOME A VICTIM OF 'MISUNDERSTANDINGS.'

"MANY IN LATIN AMERICA WERE LED TO THINK THE U.S. WANTED TO MAINTAIN OR CREATE A RELATIONSHIP OF HEGEMONY,' HE SAID. TODAY'S STATEMENT WAS DESIGNED TO OVERCOME THIS FEELING AND OPEN THE WAY FOR A 'MORE OPEN COMMUNITY BASED ON MUTUAL INTERESTS AND PROBLEM SOLVING,' MR. KISSINGER SAID."

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IN SEPARATE ITEM TIMES ALSO CARRIED EXCERPTS FROM SECRETARY'S SPEECH.

(2) BALTSUN (TREWHITT, PAGE 1) -- "KISSINGER URGES END TO LATIN FEARS OF U.S."

"SECRETARY KISSINGER APPEALED TO LATIN AMERICA . . TO SET ASIDE UNJUSTIFIED FEAR OF U.S. DOMINATION AND BEGIN REBUILDING A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP THAT RECOGNIZES U.S. GLOBAL RESPONSIBILITY.

". . . HE EMPHASIZED ONE RISK: A NEW CUBAN EFFORT TO EXPORT REVOLUTION. THE U.S. WILL NOT STAND BY . . IF CUBA

REPEATS . . . ANGOLA.

"THE U.S. WAS NOT BLAMELESS FOR STRAINS, . . . THE SECRETARY ADMITTED. BUT . . . LATIN AMERICA (IS) TOO OFTEN SUSPICIOUS OF U.S. MOTIVES WHILE INSISTING WASHINGTON MAKE ALL THE CONCESSIONS.

"WITHIN A YEAR, KISSINGER DECLARED, THE RELATIONSHIP OUGHT TO BE ON A COMMON COURSE OF COHERENT TRADE PATTERNS, AID TO POOR COUNTRIES, AND RESPECT FOR SECURITY INTERESTS. HE URGED AN ACCOUNTING WHEN . . . THE OAS MEETS AT SANTIAGO.

". . . HE SAID, 'THE U.S. IS PREPARED TO GIVE MORE . . . CONSIDERATION TO LATIN AMERICA'S QUEST FOR REGIONAL IDENTITY . . . (BUT) LATIN AMERICA MUST OVERCOME APPREHENSIONS ABOUT OUR POLICIES.'

". . . 'WHENEVER WE EMPHASIZED REGIONAL ASPECTS OF OUR RELATIONSHIPS, WE HAVE BEEN ACCUSED OF FORCING PROBLEMS INTO AN INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM WHICH WE DOMINATED. WHEN WE EMPHASIZED THE BILATERAL, WE WERE ACCUSED OF A POLICY OF DIVIDE AND RULE.'

". . . IN SUBSTANCE HE OFFERED LITTLE THAT WAS NEW -- WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF HIS ADDRESS. . . . THE ADDRESS WAS AN APPEAL TO MUTUAL INTEREST IN A WORLD OF NEW POWER RELATIONSHIPS.

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"IT WAS A CONSISTENT POSITION FOR A U.S. GOVERNMENT UNCERTAIN OF ITS OWN ABILITY TO ACT FREELY IN THE LIGHT OF PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL CONSTRAINTS. BUT MR. KISSINGER . . . DID CITE PROPOSALS TAILORED TO THE . . . DIVERSE NEEDS OF LATIN AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS: FOR THE RICHER ONES, . . . U.S. EFFORTS TO MAKE MORE TECHNOLOGY AVAILABLE, WITH CREDIT TO FINANCE IT; DIRECT AID . . . TO POOREST COUNTRIES; . . . CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR REGIONAL PLANS SHAPED TO SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS.

"THE SECRETARY . . . REAFFIRMED THE MUTUAL SECURITY PASSAGES OF THE RIO TREATY. HIS EMPHASIS ON COLLECTIVE ACTION AGAINST AGGRESSION SEEMED WASTED IN THE LIGHT OF CURRENT RELATIONS WITHIN THE HEMISPHERE.

". . . KISSINGER IS WORRIED ABOUT CUBA . . . AFTER THE INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA. . . . PEREZ BROUGHT UP THE SUBJECT, . . . THE SECRETARY SAID, AND HE WELCOMED THE CHANCE TO SET OUT HIS CONCERN. AGAINST THAT BACKGROUND, HE TOLD THE SYMPOSIUM THE U.S. REGARDS THE RIO TREATY 'AS A SOLEMN INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATION' AND 'WE ARE RESOLVED TO CARRY OUT THE COMMITMENT IT PLACES UPON US.'

"HIS . . . GENERAL MESSAGE . . . WAS AN APPEAL TO MUTUAL INTEREST, INCLUDING LATIN UNDERSTANDING THAT THE U.S. HAS A GLOBAL ROLE TO PLAY. . . HE SAID CONTINUED CLOSE TIES TO THE U.S. OUGHT TO BE PREFERABLE TO ANY ALTERNATIVE . . .

"WITH A TOUCH OF WEARINESS, MR. KISSINGER RECALLED THE DIFFERENT INTERPRETATIONS PUT ON HIS PROPOSALS FOR GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT AT THE U.N. LAST SEPTEMBER. ONE SCHOOL HELD THE U.S. WAS TRYING TO DIVIDE AND CONQUER, ANOTHER THAT IT WAS TRYING TO FORM NEW BLOCS.

"THE SPECULATIONS 'REFLECT PROBLEMS WE MUST OVERCOME,' HE SAID. 'THEY DO NOT REFLECT U.S. POLICY.'"

(3) WASHPOST (OMANG, PAGE 12) -- "KISSINGER: NO MORE CUBAN VENTURES."

OMANG LEADS WITH CUBAN ASPECT OF SPEECH AND PRESS CONFERENCE
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REFERENCE, QUOTING SECRETARY THAT U.S. WILL NOT ACCEPT REPE-
TITION OF ANGOLA AND 'CANNOT BE INDIFFERENT.' AFTER
PEREZ MEETING, SECRETARY SAID ". . . WE SAW THE ISSUE
PRETTY MUCH ALIKE." AT PRESS CONFERENCE HE ADDED, "WE
STATE THIS VIEW IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS. WE ARE NOT
VOLUNTEERING IT. WE ARE NOT ASKING ANY GOVERNMENTS TO
TAKE SPECIFIC ACTION AT THIS MOMENT."

OMANG THEN GOES INTO OTHER ASPECTS OF SPEECH:

TO A SYMPOSIUM, . . . KISSINGER SPELLED OUT IN LATIN
AMERICA SIX POINTS OF FUTURE U.S. ACTION. AMONG THEM ..
A CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO THE MUTUAL SECURITY PROVISIONS
OF THE RIO TREATY . . . AND 'A MAJOR EFFORT TO INVIGORATE
OUR HEMISPHERIC TIES,' (WHICH WAS) THE PURPOSE OF HIS
CURRENT TRIP.

"THE 'NEW DIALOGUE' . . . 'HAS NOT YET YIELDED RESULTS,'
KISSINGER ADMITTED. 'THE LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS STILL . .
THINK THE U.S. . . COULD ACT UNILATERALLY TO RESOLVE ALL
ISSUES, THAT ANY COMPROMISE WAS SURRENDER, THAT LATIN
AMERICA SHOULD PROPOSE AND THE U.S. . . RESPOND.'

"THE UNITED STATES DID NOT SUFFICIENTLY TAKE INTO ACCOUNT
THAT LATIN AMERICA HAD EXPERIENCED YEARS OF FRUSTRATION IN
WHICH LOFTY PROMISES HAD BEEN UNDONE BY THE GRADUALISM OF
THE AMERICAN POLITICAL SYSTEM, WHICH RESPONDS LESS TO AB-
STRACT COMMITMENTS THAN TO CONCRETE PROBLEMS. HENCE THE
CHARGE OF NEGLECT ON ONE SIDE, AND THE OCCASIONAL FEELING
ON THE OTHER SIDE OF BEING BESIEGED WITH DEMANDS.'
"PREVIOUS POLICIES HAD ALSO SUFFERED, KISSINGER ADDED.

'THE ENTHUSIASM (FOR) . . THE ALLIANCE CHARTER CLEARLY EXCEEDED OUR COLLECTIVE PERSEVERANCE . . .'

". . . HE INITIATED THE 'NEW DIALOGUE,' KISSINGER SAID, BECAUSE 'I BELIEVE THAT IN THE PAST THE U.S. HAD TOO OFTEN SOUGHT TO DECIDE UNILATERALLY WHAT SHOULD BE DONE ABOUT HEMISPHERIC RELATIONS' AND THAT NOW 'WE WERE READY TO LISTEN.'

". . . 'EACH SIDE MUST UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEMS AND PUR-
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POSES OF THE OTHER.' TO THAT END, KISSINGER SAID, HE PLEDGED THE U.S. TO SIX AREAS OF ACTION." (OMANG THEN LISTS SUMMARY OF SIX POINTS.)

(4) CHITRIB (UPI ITEM; NO MACLEAN) -- "LATIN AMERICA AID PLAN TOLD BY HENRY."

CHICAGO TRIBUNE PIECE MAINLY A VERBATIM REPEAT OF UPI (WALTE) ITEM SENT TUESDAY EVENING, WIT ADDED MENTION THAT "U.S. WILL RESPOND POSITIVELY TO A NEW VENEZUELAN-BASED LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIC ORGANIZATION . . . WHICH INCLUDES CUBA AND EXCLUDES U.S."

(5) WASHSTAR (O'LEARY, PAGE 4) -- "KISSINGER TELLS NEW LATIN ROLE."

"SECRETARY KISSINGER OUTLINED A NEW U.S. POLICY . . TOWARD LATIN AMERICA THAT RECOGNIZES THE DISTINCTIVE REQUIREMENTS OF THE MORE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES AND PLEDGES TO CONTINUE DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO THE NEEDIEST NATIONS IN THE HEMISPHERE.

". . . KISSINGER ACKNOWLEDGED THAT ONE POLICY WILL NO LONGER SERVE. . . INSTEAD, THE U.S. IS NOW DETERMINED TO AVOID REGIONAL APPROACHES AND TO SET ECONOMIC AND TRADE POLICIES EITHER BILATERALLY OR SUBREGIONALLY.

"EXPERTS TAKE THIS TO MEAN THAT THE U.S. WILL NOW SHAPE POLICIES TOWARD . . ADVANCED COUNTRIES . . THAT ARE VERY DIFFERENT FROM THOSE TOWARD . . POVERTY STRICKEN NATIONS . . .

"THE NEWLY STATED POLICY IS EXPECTED TO LEAD TO BILATERAL EXCHANGES OF TECHNOLOGY AND U.S. HELP FOR THE MORE SOPHISTICATED COUNTRIES. . . TO THE POOREST NATIONS, . . KISSINGER PROMISED CONTINUED U.S. AID. . .

"THE NEW POLICY ALSO IS EXPECTED TO FIND THE U.S. CONTINUING TO WORK . . WITH SUCH GROUPINGS AS THE ANDean PACT, . . THE CENTRAL AMERICAN COMMON MARKET, (AND) THE LATIN

AMERICAN ECONOMIC SYSTEM. . .

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"KISSINGER SAID HE WANTED TO AVOID ANY MORE SLOGANS OR RHETORIC . . . NEVERTHELESS, HE REFERRED TO A TERM ORIGINATED BY VENEZUELA'S PRESIDENT PEREZ, THE NEW EQUILIBRIUM. THIS IS HARDLY A CATCHY SLOGAN . . . BUT KISSINGER'S POLICY DOES HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH BALANCE.

". . . OBSERVERS . . . BELIEVE THE SPEECH SIGNALS A SIGNIFICANT SWING BACK TOWARD BILATERAL RELATIONSHIPS, .. WITH MULTILATERAL APPROACHES USED ONLY WHERE APPROPRIATE, . . IN RECOGNITION OF THE FACT THAT SEVERAL LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS ARE READY TO TAKE THEIR PLACES IN THE INDUSTRIAL WORLD INSTEAD OF PERMANENT MEMBERSHIP IN THE THIRD WORLD GROUPING.

"THERE WERE NOT MANY SPECIFICS IN THE BROAD POLICY STATED BY KISSINGER; HE SAID THOSE WILL COME . . . NEXT JUNE IN SANTIAGO. . .

". . . KISSINGER, (IN) A PRESS CONFERENCE, FIELDING THE FIRST QUESTION HE HAS EVER HAD FROM A CUBAN REPORTER. THE PRENSA LATINA CORRESPONDENT TRIED TO THROW KISSINGER A COUPLE OF CURVES. HE ASKED IF KISSINGER WAS GOING TO BRAZIL IN THE BELIEF THAT LATIN AMERICA'S GIANT SWINGS ALL INFLUENCE IN THE REGION OR IF HE INTENDED TO TAKE THE BRAZILIANS TO TASK FOR RECOGNIZING THE MARXIST POPULAR MOVEMENT IN ANGOLA.

"AS SOON AS KISSINGER GOT A WHISPERED BRIEFING FROM AMBASSADOR SCLAUDEMAN THAT THE QUESTIONER WAS FROM HAVANA'S NEWS AGENCY, HE REPLIED THAT LATIN AMERICA WAS WELL ABLE TO PICK ITS OWN REGIONAL LEADERS AND THAT BRAZIL HAD EVERY RIGHT TO PURSUE ANY FOREIGN POLICY IT CHOSE.

"BUT HE GOT IN A HARD LICK AT THE ROLE OF THE CUBAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE IN ANGOLA, TOO. CUBA, KISSINGER SAID, HAS A RIGHT TO SUPPORT POLITICALLY AND IDEOLOGICALLY ANY MOVEMENT IT CHOOSES. BUT HE ADDED: 'I'M CONVINCED THAT ONCE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THAT CUBA ASSUMES THE RIGHT TO INTERVENE MILITARILY IN THE AFFAIRS OF OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD THAT WE WILL NOT STAND IDLY BY. THIS IS THE

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MESSAGE WE WILL CONTINUE TO BRING TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND CONGRESS.'

"KISSINGER'S MESSAGE THROUGHOUT HIS VISIT . . . HAS BEEN THAT CUBA GOT AWAY WITH ITS ANGOLA INTERVENTION BUT IT HAD

BETTER NOT TRY SUCH AN ADVENTURE AGAIN. HE SAID HE IS NOT ON THIS TOUR TO ORGANIZE AJOINT U.S.-LATIN POLICY TOWARD . . CUBA, BUT . . IS EXPRESSING THE AMERICAN VIEW WHEN ASKED. KISSINGER IS LEAVING THE LATIN PRESIDENTS NO DOUBT THAT, AS FAR AS HE IS CONCERNED, CUBA HAS GONE JUST ABOUT THE LIMIT OF WHAT THE U.S. IS PREPARED TO ACCEPT IN MILITARY ADVENTURES.

"IT IS CLEAR THAT HIS VISIT IS . . PARTIALLY DEVOTED TO FINDING OUT FIRST HAND THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE LATIN NATIONS SHARE THE U.S. CONCERN ABOUT CUBA'S GUNS-ACROSS-THE-SEA POLICY. . ."

(6) LATIMES (JOHNSTON) --"KISSINGER URGES WESTERN HEMI-SPHERE TO PUT ASIDE SLOGANS AND SEEK SOLUTIONS."

"SECRETARY KISSINGER URGED . . THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE TO 'PUT ASIDE SLOGANS' AND AIM FOR A CONCRETE, REALISTIC IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS BY THE END OF THE YEAR. HE . . THEN SET FORTH A SIX-POINT PROGRAM OF INTER-AMERICAN AID AND COOPERATION.

". . .DESPITE STRONG EMPHASIS . . ON A RENEWED INTER-AMERICAN DIALOGUE, AND THE STANDARD RHETORIC ABOUT 'COOPER-ATION' AND 'SPECIAL RELATIONSHIPS,' KISSINGER'S STATEMENT WAS MAINLY REMARKABLE FOR THE RESTRAINT OF ITS EXPECTATIONS AND ITS CALL FOR 'POLITICAL REALITY.'

"IF THE SPEECH IS NOT SOON DISREGARDED IN LATIN AMERICA AS MERELY ANOTHER U.S. ATTEMPT AT DEFINING A HEMISPHERIC POLICY WHICH IT DOES NOT INTEND TO ENACT, IT MAY BE REMEM-BERED AS THE FIRST MAJOR LATIN-AMERICAN SPEECH IN MEMORY BY AN AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE THAT DID NOT OVERPROMISE AND OVERPRAISE.

"LOOKING BACK ON THE WRECKAGE OF PAST U.S. EFFORTS TO EN-UNCLASSIFIED

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LIST THE HEMISPHERE IN COOPERATIVE DIPLOMACY . . KISSINGER REMINDED HIS AUDIENCE THAT THE WORLD HAS CHANGED SINCE THOSE DAYS. . .

"KISSINGER CONCLUDED . . THAT PAST FAILURES WERE THE PRO-DUCT OF MISUNDERSTANDINGS. BUT KISSINGER ASSERTED THAT THE BLAME AT LEAST SHOULD BE SHARED, NOT MERELY ASCRIBED TO THE POWERFUL AND WEALTHY PARTNER IN NORTH AMERICA. (JOHNSTON THEN UNDERSCORES LAST POINTWITH QUOTES FROM SPEECH: I.E., 'LATIN AMERICA STILL THINKS THE U.S. CAN UNILATERALLY SOLVE ALL PROBLEMS, . . THATLATIN AMERICA SHOULD PROPOSE AND THE U.S. RESPOND,' THE 'BURDEN CANNOT BE BORNE WHOLLY BY THE U.S.,' ETC.)

"... AND HE ADDED: 'TO SEEK TO IMPOSE RADICAL CHANGES WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF ALL THOSE WHO WOULD BE AFFECTED IS TO IGNORE POLITICAL REALITY' -- AN IMPLIED REBUKE TO THIRD WORLD DEMANDS, SUPPORTED BY MUCH OF LATIN AMERICA, FOR A 'NEW ECONOMIC ORDER' INVOLVING CONCESSIONS FROM INDUSTRIAL STATES.

"... THE SIX-POINT PROGRAM KISSINGER OUTLINED DURING THE 'PROMISES' PART OF HIS ADDRESS HAD MANY FAMILIAR ELEMENTS: ... ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH THE RICHER NATIONS; A REVAMPING OF THE POLITICALLY WEAK OAS; SETTLEMENT OF SUCH BILATERAL PROBLEMS AS A NEW PANAMA CANAL TREATY; AND A REINFORCED MUTUAL SECURITY COMMITMENT AGAINST AGGRESSION 'WHETHER IT COMES FROM WITHOUT OR WITHIN THE HEMISPHERE,' AN EVIDENT REFERENCE TO CUBA.

"WHAT WAS LESS USUAL WAS AN EXHORTATION TO 'SET OURSELVES CONCRETE DEADLINES -- TO COMPLETE THE PROCESS BY THE END OF THE YEAR.'

"... U.S. OFFICIALS HAVE CHARACTERIZED THE CALM, UNDERSTATED VENEZUELAN RECEPTION OF KISSINGER ... AS A SIGN OF A 'MATURE' RELATIONSHIP. STATEMENTS SUCH AS KISSINGER'S IN A MAJOR SPEECH ON U.S.-LATIN RELATIONS APPEAR TO POSE A STRINGENT TEST OF THAT 'MATURITY.'"

JOHNSTON INCLUDES IN PIECE A REPEAT OF SECRETARY'S WARNING
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ON CUBAN INTERVENTION AT PRESS CONFERENCE ("U.S. WILL NOT STAND IDLY BY ...") AND FOLLOWING BREAKFAST MEETING WITH PEREZ ("OUR VIEWS ARE PRETTY MUCH ALIKE.")

WIRES:

1. REUTERS (NELSON FROM CARACAS): A SUMMIT PLANNED AS A HIGH POINT OF KISSINGER'S GOODWILL TOUR OF LATIN AMERICA TODAY APPEARED TO HAVE FALLEN APART IN ILL WILL.

OFFICIALS OF KISSINGER'S PARTY HERE SAID PRESIDENT JUAN ALBERTO MELGAR OF HONDURAS HAD TOLD THEM HE WOULD NOT ATTEND THE MEETING ON FEB. 24 IN SAN JOSE.

HE WAS THE THIRD PERSON TO SAY HE WOULD NOT BE AT THE PROPOSED SIX-LEADER SUMMIT AT THE END OF KISSINGER'S FIRST LATIN AMERICAN TOUR.

ONE U.S. OFFICIAL SAID THE SUMMIT WOULD PROBABLY BE REPLACED BY A FOREIGN MINISTER'S MEETING IN THE ABSENCE OF PRESIDENT MELGAR, EL SALVADOR'S PRESIDENT ARTURO ARMANDO MOLINA AND GUATEMALAN PRESIDENT KJELL LAUGERUD.

PRESIDENT MALGAR WAS UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE PULLED OUT OF THE SUMMIT BECAUSE PRESIDENT MOLINA REFUSED TO COME.

PRESIDENT LAUGERUD EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD TO REMAIN IN GUATEMALA TO DIRECT THE RECOVERY FROM THE FEB. 4 EARTH-QUAKE.

U.S. OFFICIALS SAID KISSINGER WOULD MEET PRESIDENT ANASTASIO SOMOZA OF NICARAGUA AND GENERAL OMAR TORRIJOS OF PANAMA IF THEY CHOSE TO COME TO SAN JOSE, BUT SAID THE PLANNED SUMMIT APPEARED TO BE OFF.

KISSINGER WAS SCHEDULED TO PURSUE HIS LATIN AMERICAN TOUR TODAY IN LIMA, PERU, FOLLOWING A BLUNT AND SOMETIMES SCATHING CRITICISM LAST NIGHT ON LATIN AMERICAN IMPATIENCE WITH THE U.S.

HOWEVER, KISSINGER ALSO CRITICIZED PAST U.S. INSENSITIVITY
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TO LATIN AMERICA, AND PLEDGED SPECIFIC ACTION IN SIX AREAS, INCLUDING SUPPORT FOR INDUSTRIALIZED SOUTH AMERICAN NATIONS' EFFORTS TO COMPETE ON EQUAL TERMS IN THE DEVELOPED WORLD.

STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS OVER KISSINGER'S VISIT HERE WERE REPORTED YESTERDAY IN SEVERAL VENEZUELAN CITIES.

A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT WAS SHOT DEAD HERE DURING AN ANTI-U.S. DEMONSTRATION, STUDENTS SAID. BUT POLICE REFUSED TO CONFIRM THE REPORT.

2. AP (FREED FROM CARACAS): KISSINGER TOOK OFF FOR PERU TODAY ON THE SECOND LEG OF A LATIN AMERICAN TOUR THAT IS BEGINNING TO BE DOMINATED BY CUBAN ISSUES DESPITE HIS CLAIM THAT HE IS NOT ON AN ANTI-CASTRO CRUSADE.

HEAVY AIRPORT SECURITY WAS SET FOR KISSINGER'S ARRIVAL IN LIMA. POLICE IN THE CAPITAL USED TEAR GAS TO BREAK UP SEVERAL ANTI-KISSINGER DEMONSTRATIONS TUESDAY BY SMALL GROUPS OF WORKERS AND STUDENTS.

PERUVIAN PRESIDENT FRANCISCO MORALES BERMUDEZ HAS STRESSED 'DEEPENING' THE SOCIALIST-ORIENTED REVOLUTION BROUGHT TO HIS COUNTRY BY MILITARY OFFICERS IN 1968. NEVERTHELESS, HE HAS SUBSTANTIALLY CALMED QUARRELS WITH THE U.S.

'KISSINGER IS THE ONLY SECRETARY OF STATE THAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO TALK TO,' SAID A SENIOR PERUVIAN OFFICIAL.

3. UPI (NO BYLINE) FROM CARABEDELLE, VENEZUELA:

KISSINGER FLEW TO PERU TODAY, TAKING WITH HIM A SIX-POINT

PROGRAM TO INCREASE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN
THE U.S. AND LATIN AMERICA.

THE SECRETARY, FLYING TO PERU ON THE SECOND-LEG OF HIS
LATIN AMERICAN TOUR, TUESDAY DESCRIBED HIS TALKS WITH
VENEZUELAN LEADERS AS 'EXTREMELY PRODUCTIVE AND HELPFUL.'
BUT HE AGAIN CRITICIZED CUBA'S MILITARY INTERVENTION
IN ANGOLA, WARNING THE U.S. 'WILL NOT STAND IDLY BY' IF
HAVANA INTERVENES MILITARILY IN OTHER COUNTRIES.
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IN LIMA, KISSINGER PLANNED TO MEET WITH LEADERS OF THE
MILITARY GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING PRESIDENT GEN. FRANCISCO
MORALES BERMUDEZ.

4. UPI (NO BYLINE) FROM SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA:
A MEETING BETWEEN KISSINGER AND SIX CENTRAL AMERICAN
CHIEFS OF STATE SCHEDULED FOR NEXT WEEK HAS BEEN CANCELED,
THE FOREIGN OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY.

KISSINGER ARRIVES HERE ON FEB. 23 ON THE LAST LEG OF A
LATIN AMERICAN TOUR. HE WAS TO HAVE CONFERRED WITH THE
PRESIDENTS OF GUATEMALA, HONDURAS, EL SALVADOR, NICARAGUA,
COSTA RICA AND PANAMA.

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVES OF GUATEMALA AND HONDURAS GAVE NO
REASON FOR NOT ATTENDING. EL SALVADOR'S MOLINA PROBABLY
WILL STAY AWAY BECAUSE OF HIS COUNTRY'S SELECTIONS.

PRESIDENT SOMOZA OF NICARAGUA AND GE. TORRIJOS OF PANAMA
ARE EXPECTED TO BE ON HAND AND KISSINGER WILL MEET COSTA
RICAN PRESIDENT DANIEL ODUBER NEXT MONDAY.

RADIO/TV

MORNING RADIO/TV PROGRAMS DID NOT CARRY TRAVELING PRESS
REPORTAGE. ALL NETWORKS LEAD WITH CONTINUATION OF
SECRETARY'S VISIT TO LIMA, CBS MENTIONING ANTI-KISSINGER
DEMONSTRATIONS THERE TUESDAY.

EXCERPTED CBS PORTION: "... KISSINGER WAS BOMBARDED
WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT CUBA, AND HIS FEELINGS ABOUT CUBA'S
ROLE IN ANGOLA. KISSINGER SAID HE DIDN'T NEED MUCH
ENCOURAGEMENT TO TALK ABOUT THAT, AND HE SAID IN EFFECT
THAT THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE HAD TO RALLY TOGETHER TO HELP
HIM STOP CUBA FROM ANY MORE FOREIGN INTERVENTION."
WTOP RECALLED SEVERAL LENGTHY, PRIVATE MEETINGS WITH
PRESIDENT PEREZ, TALKS COVERING OIL, TRADE, HEMISPHERIC
AND GLOBAL ISSUES. QUOTING ANCHORMAN, "KISSINGER ALSO
HAS CRITICIZED CUBA'S MILITARY INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA,
AND SAYS THE U.S. WILL NOT STAND FOR SUCH ACTION AGAIN.
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HIS TRIP IS BECOMING MORE AND MORE CUBAN ORIENTED, DESPITE THE FACT THAT HE CLAIMS HE'S NOT ON AN ANTI-CASTRO CAMPAIGN." REPORT QUOTED KISSINGER' COMMENTS ON NEW U.S.-LATIN RELATIONSHIP, "AT THE OAS MEETING IN JUNE, WE CAN REVIEW WHERE WE STAND, AND DISCUSS WHAT FURTHER STEPS NEED TO BE TAKEN. AT THE LAST GENERAL ASSEMBLY, WE ADOPTED THE INFORMAL STYLE OF THE NEW DIALOGUE SUCCESSFULLY TO FACILITATE OPEN AND FRANK DISCUSSIONS OF MAJOR ISSUES. I PROPOSE THAT WE DO SO AGAIN, AND THAT WE CONCENTRATE ON THE NATURE OF OUR FUNDAMENTAL RELATIONSHIP."

NBC "TODAY SHOW" EXCERPT: "KISSINGER HAS BEEN CALLING FOR CLOSER TIES BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE SOUTH AMERICAN NATIONS, BUT SO FAR, CUBA HAS BEEN DOMINATING HIS VISIT. LAST NIGHT, IN VENEZUELA, THE STATE SECRETARY DENO'DCED CUBAN MILITARY INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA."

ABC "GOOD MORNING AMERICA" ANCHORWOMAN QUOTES SECRETARY SAYING CUBAN MILITARY INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA WAS UNACCEPTABLE, ALSO CARRYING HIS WARNING THAT THE U.S. WILL NOT STAND IDLY BY IF CUBA SENDS TROOPS TO OTHER COUNTRIES. INGERSOLL

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